(d) the persons responsible for this delay and what appropriate action Ministry has taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (d) During the period August, 1999 to January, 2000, CD-7470 (Raipur/Nagpur/ Delhi) was delayed, on an average, on 15 occasions per month.

The flights on Delhi/Nagpur/Raipur and return sectors are operated in the evening with one of the incoming aircraft to Delhi. As a result, flight CE 7470 is hit by consequential delays.

The on Time Performance of services operated by Indian Airline including Alliance Air is closely monitored on day-to-day basis and efforts are made to minimize delays.

Holding of Alliance Air Flight at Bhopal

1984. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that on February 12 the Alliance Air CD-134 flight from Bhopal, was held up for long time at Indore due to delay in the arrival of Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin, the Head of Bohra Community who was to emplane from there;

(b) if so, how can the flight be delayed for an individual; and

(c) the step Government taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) Alliance Air flight CD-7134 of 13th February, 2000 had to be delayed by thirty five minutes at Indore due to late arrival of Syedna Mohammad Burhanuddin, Head of Bohra Community, and his group, on the advice of the district administration, to avoid possible violence by the crowd of around 40,000 waiting to see him off.

Linking of Small Cities with Private Air Taxi Service

1985. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to encourage private air taxi services linking smaller cities is under the consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the services are likely to commence;

(c) whether the small cities have been indentified; and

(d) if so, the de tails thereof particularly small cities in Andhra Praoesh?

THE MINISTI :R OFCIVIL AVIATION (SHRISHARADYADAV): (a) to (d) To encourage sir ,iU aircraft (turbo-prop) operations to connect smaller and non-metro citiu . it has been decided to provide ATF to such aircraft at international pr:< t s *mid* notify ATF as a declared good under the Central Sales Tax, 1956. Time frame for commencement of the services cannot be indicated at this stage sin cu opearators are free to connect places in their commercial judgement subj' ect to compliance with the Route Dispersal Guidelines which provide for *cetf* ain mmitnum operations on specified category of routes.

Privatisation of **AAI**

1986. SHRI K. RAHM. \M KHAN: Wi 11 the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to stal e:

(a) whethe r a decision has b>:en taken to privatize Airports Authority of
India;

(b) if so, the operative aeas proposed to be privatized; and

(c) whether privatization w il9 Ive wholly indigenous?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL / MIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, it has been dt titled to restructure the airports of the Airports Authority of India as and whe, i ift»und suitable through long-term lease. At present, the existing airports at D cilhv, Mumbai.Chennai and Calcutta are being taken up for this exercise. It is en rissiged that it would cover all areas of airport operations except, air traffic / air s_k **^ioe** management, customs, immigration and security.

(c) As per the policy on airport it tfrastructure, foreign equity participation in such ventures may be permitted up to *14%* with automatic approval and upto 100% with special permission. Sue h participation could also be by foreign " airport authorities.

Restoration of **Air** Bus Service b «tween **Delhi and Bhubaneswar**

1987. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KR'UNTIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for restoring Air-Bus service
form Delhi to Bhubaneswar and Bhubaneswar to Delhi instead of boeing; and